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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:  
Michael H. McLernon *et al.*

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For: PROPAGATION OF CHARACTERISTICS IN  
A GRAPHICAL MODEL ENVIRONMENT

Examiner: P. S. Salomon

**AMENDMENT IN RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

MS RCE  
Commissioner for Patents  
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Dear Sir:

**INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS**

In response to the Advisory Action dated February 12, 2008 (Paper No. 20080211) and the final Office Action dated November 27, 2007 (Paper No. 20071119), Applicants present the following amendments and arguments along with a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Please amend the above-identified U.S. patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 11 of this paper.